

### REMARKS

Applicants have submitted this Response in reply to the final Office Action dated December 4, 2007 and in conjunction with the attached Request for Continued Examination. Claims 8 to 38 have been allowed. Applicants note that the Office Action summary indicates claims 8 to 38 are allowed, although page three of the Office Action indicates claims 8 to 27 are allowed. Since claims 28 to 38 were not rejected, Applicants have proceeded as if claims 8 to 38 are allowed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any amounts due in association with this Response.

The Office Action withdrew claims 1 to 7, stating: "[n]ewly submitted claims 1-7 [are] directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed . . . ." Applicants hereby cancel claims 1 to 7 to place this application in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. Applicants also request that the Examiner review the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on December 5, 2007. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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